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Title: TRANSPARENT CONDUCTIVE FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME



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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

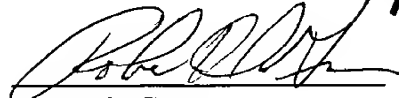
This is in full and timely response to the Official Action of March 6, 2002, for which a month was allotted for reply, requiring an election of invention. The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby elects the invention of Group I, having claims 1 to 3, drawn to a transparent conductive film, apparently classified in class 428, subclass 457. Please hold the non-elected claims 4 to 7, drawn to a manufacturing technique, apparently classified in class 427, subclass 407.1, in abeyance pending the possibility of filing a divisional application as of right, or rejoinder under MPEP §821.04. Solely to preserve that latter option, this election is respectfully made with traverse.

Applicant notes that the Restriction Requirement erroneously identifies Group I as claims 1-3 and Group II as claims 3-7. Since claim 3 is an apparatus claim, Applicant believes the restriction requirement was intended to read that Group II is claims 4-7.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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